FINANCE, OIL AND GAS

New York

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.-Wall street's swerving confidence in an amicable fustment of the railway labor disthe found expression today in a fur-ther advance of prices after an early period of hesitation and doubt. Uniperiod of nestration and doubt.

ted States Steel repeated its high record of 99%, made last week, and Merasuntile Marine attained new heights, centile Marine attained new heights, the common advancing 1½ to 44% and the preferred 1% to 104%. Other new maximums included inspiration Copper, which rose 3 to 58 and Kellyspringfield Tire, which made a gross gain of 3% to 79%.

Pittsburgh

PITSBURGH, Sept. 1.—Trading on the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange yes-isrday was quiet, but prices were fair-by steady. Pure Oil common again led in number of sales, 4,802 ahares being sold at 2014, an advance of a quar-ter. United States common had a sale of 175 shares at 99, an advance of 2%.
And the stock held to 99 to the close
an spite of the rapid decline of the
New York market hatman New York market between 2:30 and p. m. Harbison-Walker common advanced half a point to 102, 60 shares selling at that figure. La Belle com-mon, Westinghouse Airbrake and Western Electric common also made slight advances. American Window Glass Machine common, Caney River Gas, Columbia Gas and Electric, La Belle preferred and Manufacturers Light and Heat declined a little, while Oklahoma Gas and Pittshursh All and Oklahoma Gas and Pittsburgh Oil and Gas remained unchanged. The sales Gas remained unchanged. The sa were: Shares, 7,338; bonds, none.

| Sales. | | High. | Low. |
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| 300 A W | G Mach | 6014 | 60 |
| | y R Gas | | 881/4 |
| | 3 & Elec | | 211/4 |
| 49 Cruc | Steel pf | 11716 | 117 |
| 100 Fire | proof | 754 | 7% |
| 60 H-W | Refrac | 102 | 102 |
| | elle Iron | | 55% |
| 20 La E | selle Iron pf | 13314 | 13314 |
| 315 Mfrs | L& H | . 56 | 55 |
| 80 Okla | Gas | 75 | 75 . |
| 98 Pbg | Oil & Gas | 7 | 7 |
| 4,802 Pure | Oil | 2014 | 20 |
| | Steel | | 96 |
| 109 West | Airb'ke | 148 | 1474 |
| 45 West | Elec | 59 | 58% |
| 7,338 | | | 1. |
| N. C. | Mary Address of the last | 2000 | |

Grain and Produce.

CH/CAGO, Sept. 1.—Reassuring advices that the chances of a strike were much less threatening brought about a sharp raily in the wheat market here. In consequence the close, although unsettled, was 3@3%c net higher, with September at \$1.42% and December at \$1.45@1.46. Other leading staples, too, all scored gains—corn % to 1%c, oats %@%c and provision 12%@60c. Articles— Open. Close. Wheat—

| September December | | \$1.421/4 1.411/6 |
|-----------------------|----|----------------------|
| September | 85 | .86% .73% |
| September | | .441/4 |

Oil and Gas.

West Virginia and Southeastern
Ohio fields show nothing better than light wells in all late completions, while dry holes are quite numerous.
In the Cabin Creek development, in

the Hope Natural Gas company has completed its initial test well on the D. N. Furbee & Brothers farm, through the Big Injun sand and has a good gas-ser. On the waters of Jakes run in Clay district, Monongalia county, the Pentriss Gas company has completed its second test well on the Price heirs' farm through the Bayard sand and it

is a 10-barrel a day producer.

On the A. L. Tennant farm, in the same district and county, the Carnegie Natural Gas company has completed its initial test well and has a fair gasper from the Bayard sand. In the same locality, the Hone Natural Gas company has completed its initial test well and has a fair gasper from the Bayard sand. In the same locality, the Hope Natural Gas com-pany has completed its third test well on the Occie M. Tennant farm and has a gas well in the Bayard sand. The same company's No. 1 well on the



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A. I. Tennant farm is completed and a fair gas well in the Bayard sand. The Pittsburgh and West Virginia Gas company has completed its initial test well on the J. R. Moore farm, in Clay district, Monongalla county, and has a good gasser in the Bayard sand. In the Martin pool in Tyler county, Inghram & company have completed their initial test well on the J. U. Injun sands and it is a duster.

Baltimore

| BALTIMORE STOCK MARK | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Asked. |
| Con G E L & P com, 100 110% | 111 |
| Merch & Mech Nat Bank 28% | 29 |
| Mon Val Trac 5s 9214 | _ |
| Un Ry and El Co., 50 27 | 27% |
| Fairmont and Clarks 5s 100 | |
| Baltimore Tube 126 | 127 |
| Baltimore Tube pfd 981/2 | 99 |
| Cosden com 141/4 | 14% |
| Cosden Gas com 10% | 10% |
| Cosden Gas pref 4% | |
| Con Coal Re. 58 | 91% |
| Elkhorn Coys 6s 97 | 9714 |
| Elkhorn Fuel 5s 99% | 100 |
| Davidson Chem 3514 | |
| | |
| Sapulpa Ref Com 8% | 9 |

FRED O. BLUE URGES PUBLIC ACCOUNTING

Tells Tax Association About Good Accomplished in This State.

INDIANOPOLIS, Sept. 1.-With the public business continually expanding and growing to meet newly arising economic and social conditions, there is urgent need of uniform systems of public accounting and state supervision of public fiscal affairs throughout a state, according to Fred O. Blue, State tax commissioner of West Virginia. Mr. Blue delivered one of the principal lectures at the closing session of the tenth annual conference of

the National Tax Association here. West Virginia, he said, had found that its uniform accounting law which has now had seven years trial, had accomplished great good, turning a state of chaos in fiscal affairs into order system and efficiency.

Among reason for uniform public accounting laws, Commissioner Blue said that it was only through such a system that conditions could be stud-ied properly, and legislative remedies applied for evils affecting scores, if not nundreds, of public fiscal units. He

"Local officers are elected or ap pointed for sertain definite periods They are frequently selected without rience in public affairs, and par ticularly without experience in matters of public accounting. By the time such officers become familiar with the duties and public accounting, they may be succeeded by others who are like wise without experience.

"An officer or private individual hav-ing business to transact in several fiscal units finds no embarrassment in doing so under a uniform system; when he is familiar with the method

"There can be no satisfactory pri-vate or local supervision of public fis-cal affairs so as to attain uniformity. In the Cabin Creek district, Kanawha county, the South Penn Oil company has abot its second test well on Coalburg forced by a central head if uniformity is to be attained; in the very nature of things there can be no uniformity throughout a state when a system of accounting and compliance therewith are left to officers whose jurisdictions are left to officers whose jurisdictions are left to officers whose jurisdictions In the Hurst pool, in Troy district.

Gilmer county, the Philadelphia Gas company has completed its initial test on the H. E. Patton farm in the Gantz sand and the hole filled up 1,500 feet with oil in the ensuing 24 hours.

In McElroy district, Tyler county, two and a half miles west of Shirley, the Hope Natural Gas company has

with authority to enforce their find-ings against public fiscal bodies. The general experience is that the report of a private accountant is filed and no suitable action taken thereon to enforce the findings thereof."



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The total membership, was shown The total membership, was shown by the reports as 149,074. The loss in membership during the year was given as 10,808 and the present number of posts was placed at 5,342, a total of 110 having passed out of existence in the twelve months.

The figures compiled by John M.

The figures, compiled by John M. Adams, of Cincinnati, adjutant general of the organization, showing the membership for the various departments

Alabama, 80; Arizona, 102; Arkansas, 331; California and Nevada, 5.-556; Colorado and Wyoming, 1.774; Connecticut, 2,181; Illinois, 11,101; Indiana, 8,957; Iowa, 7,903; Kansas,, 7,-788; Florida, 691; Georgia and South Carolina, 176: Idaho, 403: Kentucky, pl2; Louisiana and Mississippi. 560; Maine, 2,902; Marland, 1,257; Massachusetts, 9,086; Michigan, 6,995; Minnesota, 2,907; Missouri, 4,287; Montana, 319; Nebraska, 3,132; New Hampshire, 1.483; New Jersey, 2,665; New Mexico, 117; New York, 15,576; North Dakota, 237; Ohio, 15,045; Ok-lohoma, 1,414; Oregon, 1,842; Pennsylvania, 15,890; Potomac, 1,239; Rhode Island, 990; South Dakota. 785; Tennessee, 820; Texas, 326; Utah, 223; Vermont, 1,725; Virginia and North Carolina, 380; Washington and Alagka, 2,714; West Virginia, 935; Wisconsin, 4,903.



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cause therein pending, wherein George M. Frech, and others, are plaintiffs, Pennsylvania Now Heads and Chas. E. Bonwell and others, are defendants, the undersigned Special Commissioners will, on the 16th day at the front door of the Bartlett Hotel, in the city of Mannington, in said Marion county, at public auction, offer and expose to sale five (5) certain oil and gas leasehold estates, situate in Mannington district, in said county, created and arising under the following described oil and gas leases:

One made by J. R. Baker and Ellen

Baker, his wife, dated November 4th,

1914, and of record in the Clerk's office of the County Court of said Marion county, in Deed Book No. 200, page 206, covering 11½ acres, upon which there is a producing oil well; another made by Jas. Kendall and G. W. Kinsey, executor of the last will and testament of Anna Jane Kendall, deceased, dated November 2, 1914, and of record in said Clerk's office, in Deed Book No. 200, page 207, covering 40 acres, upon which there is a producing oil well; another made by Chas. H. Freeland and wife, dated November 2, 1914, and of record in said Clerk's office in Deed Book No. 200, page 208, covering 40 acres; another made by said Chas. H. Freeland and wife, dated November 2, 1914, and of record in said Clerk's office, in Deed Book No. 200, page 211, covering 17 acres; and another made by T. J. Metz and others, dated December 1, 1914, and of recor in said Clerk's office in Deed Book No. 200, page 424, covering 36 acres; all of said leasehold estates being fully described in the bill in said cause, and the exhibits therewith. Together with all the working interest in and to said leasehold estates, and said oil wells. And also the following described per sonal property used in connection with the operation of said wells: One 25 H. P. boiler; one 25 H. P. Ajac engine; one 20 H. P. Ball gas engine; one 100 barrel tank; three 250 barrel tanks; one 12 inch stitch belt; one lot of 2½ inch Manilla Bull rope; one lot 1½ inch iron pipe; one lot of 2 inch iron pipe; one lot of 8 inch casing; one lot of 10 inch casing; one lot tools; two oil well rigs; and all other machinery and appliances belonging to the leasehold estates, here

The said leasehold estate last above described, known as the Metz lease, covering said 36 acre tract, will be sold separately, the residue of said property, including said oil well supplies and machinery, will be offered together and as a whole and will be so sold, unless a better price can be obtained therefor in separate parcels.

Said sale will be made upon the fol-lowing terms: One-third (1-3) and as much more of the purchase money as the purchaser may elect to pay cash in hand on day of sale, the residue thereof to be paid in two equal payments. payable in six and twelve months from day of sale, with interest on such deferred payments until paid, and for which the purchaser will be required to execute in favor of said Special

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JAS. A. MEREDITH, L. S. SCHWENCK, Special Commissioners

I, W. S. Black, Clerk of said Court do hereby certify that the above named Special Commissioners, have executed before me a bond with security approved by me as sufficient, in the sum of \$30,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties as such Special Commissioners, and otherwise conditioned according to law. Given under my hand this 24th day of August, 1916.

W. S. BLACK. Clerk of the Intermediate Court, Marion County, West Virginia. 8-25-9-1-8-15

State of West Virginia:

At the August, 1916, Rules, held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court, in and for the County of Marion and State aforesaid, August 9th, 1916, the following order was entered: Sarah E. Martin, vs. Zoe Martin and

others, in chancery.

Object of Suit. The object of the above entitled suit is to obtain a decree therein requiring and directing the said Zoe Martin and John Hugh Martin, her husband, two of the defendants in said suit, to execute a certain agree-ment between them and the plaintiff ded haif interest in and to all of the Pittsburgh vein of coal and mining rights underlying a certain tract or land in Lincoln District. Marion Co ty, West Virginia, containing 751/2 acres, and described in said bill, and to declare and establish the trusts up-on which the said defendant Zoe Martin holds the same for and on behalf of the plaintiff, and to obtain general relief.

An affidavit having been made and filed that the said defendants, Zoe Martin and John Hugh Martin, her husband, are non residents of the State of Vest Virginia, it is ordered that the said defendants, Zoe Martin and John Hugh Martin, her husband, do appear within one month from the first publication of this order, in the Clerk's Office of our said Circuit Court, at rules to be holden therefor, and do what is necessary to protect their interests.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published and posted as required by law. Given under my hand this 9th day

of August, 1916. W. S. BLACK. Clerk. Jas. A. Meredith,

Counsel for plaintiff.

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